GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:433
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NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION
SHANKERSINH VAGHELA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire amount allocated for National literacy Mission was spent to achieve the target during the last. Three years;

(a) if not, the actual amount spent every year during the said period and the reasons for which the allocated amount could not be spent; and

(b) the impact thereof on the mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b) &(c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLAY TO PARTS (a),(b),& (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 433 25.04.2000 BY SHRI SHANKERSINGH VAGHELA REGARDING NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION.

(a),(b) &(c) The national literacy Mission (NLM) aims to achieve a sustainable threshold level of 75 percent literacy by 2005.The details of budget allocation and expenditure during the last three years is as follows:-

(Rs. in crores)

YEAR ALLOCATION	BUDGET EXPENDITURE	ACTUAL
1997-1998	127.00	79.74
1998-1999	93.97	72.23
1999-2000	110.00	87.07
TOTAL	330.97	239.04

The main reasons for shortfall in expenditure are:- The community voluntarily assisted in cash and kind Financial controls were tightened to ensure optimum utilisation of funds.

Emphasis was laid on consolidation, improving of quality and monitoring rather than on expansion.

The continuance of NLM and its schemes during 9th Five Year Plan with revised parameters, enhanced norms of expenditure and setting up of new institutions, was approved on 30th November,99.

The savings have no adverse impact on the mission. The sustainable;e, threshold level of literacy, i.e.75% is likely to be achieved by 2005 as per current projections.